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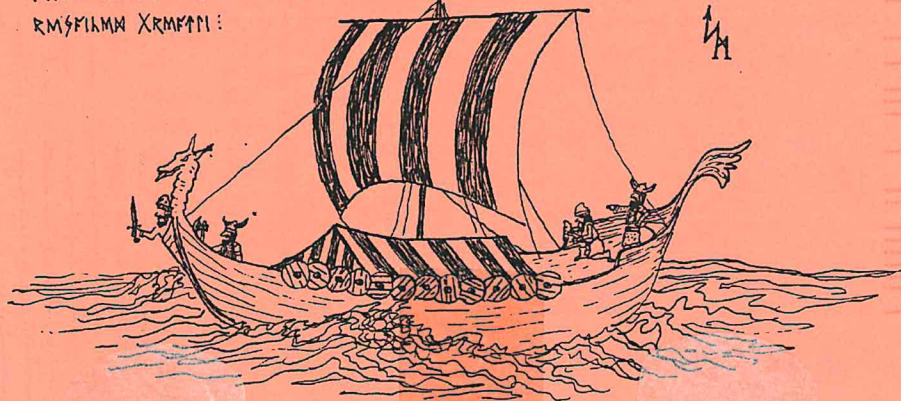
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MAY

4	GRAND OUTLANDISH SITE CLEANUP DAY III
11-12	OUTLANDS CORONATION <i>Dragonspine</i>
18	CELTIC GAMES DEMO
22-27	GRAND OUTLANDISH**

JUNE

1	SPECIAL OLYMPICS DEMO
7-8	RELAY FOR LIFE DEMO
14-16	QUEST FOR THE GOLDEN SCORPION**

JULY

13-14	STAG'S CON <i>Blaiddwyn</i>
27-29	LONELY MOUNTAIN <i>Drygestan</i>

** Indicates attendance by Their Excellencies

Warning: Dates in Calendar are closer than they appear.—Anonymous

From the Baron and Baroness

Unto the glorious populace of al-Barran, do Sir Trevor and Lady Fermina send greetings and warm salutations. We hope to find you in good health and stamina as the days grow longer and Summer approaches.

We invite one and all to attend Their Majesties, in their barony of Dragonspine, at Coronation Court during the weekend of May 11th. There will be some great tourneys and fun times too, as we all witness the ascension of Sir Bela and Mistress Elizabeth to the Sovereign Thrones of the Outlands.

The Outlands is truly the best and most noble kingdom in the Knowne World. To celebrate our great kingdom, it is our honor to host Grand Outlandish Tournament XXIX. This year will be the best Outlandish ever. There will be many, many activities in which to participate, including a grand revel on Saturday evening, sponsored by the barony. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you during this magnificent event.

Many thanks to Don Govanen and his staff for their fine efforts at Sworded Affaire. Hosting this event each year reminds us how valuable the rapier community is to this kingdom and to the barony. We enjoyed ourselves throughout the day and evening, despite the weather. Congratulations to Lord Charles and Gareth for your victories on the field that day. May your blades remain sharp and your aim true.

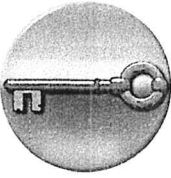
As Baron and Baroness, we remind you that we are your advocates before the Crown of the Outlands. If you have questions or concerns about the barony, we hope you will bring these to our attention. It is our wish to serve you the best we can, and we believe we can only do this if we know how you feel about certain matters.

Long live al-Barran!

Trevor

Fermina

From the Seneschal



Greetings,

Events II

Last month I talked about was made an event 'official'. This month I will continue with what the participants can do. Everything below is right out of Corpora or a paraphrase of it.

Yes, participants are required to do certain things at events. Most of the things are what people do in the SCA without even thinking about it. "Anyone may attend a Society event provided he or she wears an attempt at pre-17th century clothing, conforms with Corpora, and complies with any other requirements (such as site fees or waivers) which may be imposed." (Page 4 Corpora). Like I said, automatic things that everyone does naturally, I hope. At business meetings and informal classes the clothing requirement can be waived.

"All participants are expected to behave as ladies or gentlemen." (Page 4 Corpora). There are people at every event that are responsible for the general behavior of an event. The people responsible for the conduct of the event are the local Seneschal and someone appointed by the Seneschal, the Autocrat. These people have the power, and the obligation, to remove anyone whom they feel is a "disruptive element" from an event. A disruptive element can be defined as a "...transgression which seriously compromises the integrity of the event or endanger the health and safety of the attendees..." (Page 4 Corpora). Any mundane laws that are broken during an event in al-Barran will most assuredly bring the local authorities. Things that will bring such action even quicker are, brawling, underage drinking and any kind of sexual or minor abuse. By the way, punishment by mundane authorities does not make a person immune to any disciplinary action taken by the Crown or SCA Inc. Of all the gentles that attend an event 99.99% dress-up, play the game, have a blast, and go home. Part of the goals of all people in the SCA is honor and chivalric behavior. What is great to see is SCA codes of conduct that spill into the mundane world making it a more enjoyable place to live.

On another note, the new check cashing policy for al-Barran will take effect at Grand Outlandish 2002 and will continue through the rest of our events. Anyone who bounces a check with us will now be required to re-pay the full amount plus any bank charges that we have incurred.

In Service,

Sijerne



From the Knight Marshal



Greetings,

The regular monthly tournament will not be held due to Grand Outlandish, but will be back in June. CONGRATULATIONS to last month's victor Dreyfuss.

I would just like to remind everyone of the upcoming events. Coronation will be held in Dragon Spine on the 11th and 12th, and Grand Outlandish will be held from the 22nd until the 27th. Many hours of fighting are planned for GOT, and it promises to be much fun for all. If you are an authorized marshal, and wish not to fight, please feel free to volunteer to marshal. Your help will be greatly appreciated, and this will allow more fighters to have fun on the field.

Make sure that your armor is in good shape, and be sure to check it often. As we move into the warmer months chances are you will be using your equipment more, and it is important that you keep it in good shape to prevent injury. Also, I would like to remind you that as the weather warms up it is time to visit your friendly neighborhood water-bearer as often as possible. Don't ruin your weekend because you refused to keep hydrated, and became ill.

In conclusion, I would like to announce my stepping down from this office at Grand Outlandish. My successor will be my deputy Lord Mordygan. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Their Excellences for allowing me to serve the Barony as Knight Marshal. Also, I would like to thank Sir Bohemond for all his training prior to my assumption of this office. And finally, I thank all the members of the populace of al-Barran for their help and support during my tenure. This is truly the greatest fighting Barony in the Known World.

In Service

F.H.C. James David de Argentias

From the Chronicler



Boldog új évet kívánok!
Happy New Year!

The al-Barran phone directory is being updated and should be in the mail by the middle of May. If you have information that is changing by then please contact me if I have not already contacted you. By information changing I really, really mean your phone numbers or emails. Emails listings have been sent out, but I still have to make the phone calls listings as of this writing.

As you have read in the Seneschal's letter there is going to be a change in check cashing policy. If this is something that will affect you in renewing, or starting a subscription to the Baronial Shaft; according to al-Barran's reeve,

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Bronwyn Jacobdottir, money orders are also accepted. And as always you may contact me directly by email or phone about meeting at fighter practice park to renew or start your subscription. I have receipts ready to hand for cash payments for subscriptions.

Thank you's this month go out to Master Gunvaldt for the cover art and the saga tale, Lord Michael for his Pony World cartoon, And as always the Baronial Shaft has need of your artwork, songs, poems, bits of history, etc. that you wish to donate to making your newsletter more view worthy.

In Service,

Kathws

From the Quartermaster

Greetings to the populace,

Thank you to all the autocrats and feast coordinators that have made my job easier! Please keep working with your Quartermaster staff (Ryan Brunloc, Wulfgar Neumann and Brian macc Faelain) to get the stuff you need for your event. Remember to contact us at least two weeks prior to your event so pickup and return can be scheduled.

If you still have lost and found items leftover from recent, or not so recent events, please contact me so we can find the rightful owner. A couple of highlights from the lost and found bin would be a pair of full gauntlets (Champions) and a short Glaive (a March fighter practice).

Safe journeys,

Lord Ryan Brunloc

From the Hospitaller

Greetings,

I would like to send thanks to the populace for picking up the challenge and getting new blood into the SCA. So far we have 8 new people in 2 months. Let's keep up the good work.

Secondly, I know this sounds dumb but I want to remind everyone that we are in a desert, please take time to drink LOTS of water, try not to stay in the sun for long periods of time, and if you are fighting and start to feel a little over heated STOP, it is O.K. to take a break.

Grand Outlandish is right around the corner, remember any mundane that you wish to attend needs to have sponsorship!

Yours In Service,

Brenwen Blackwell

Grand Outlandish Last Cleanup Weekend

Torrance County Park

Saturday May 4, 2002

10 am to 4 pm

Why do we still need to do cleanup this year? To get rid of ALL the rest of the cactus, or course. Your weapons of choice are gloves, shovels, rakes, etc. and of course lots and lots of enthusiasm!

Don't forget to sign the sign up sheet while eating the provided lunch.

Directions to the site:

From I-40, 19.2 miles east of Albuquerque, take exit 187 (Edgewood). Go South 0.2 miles to the junction of old 66 (also NM 333). Turn left (East) onto old 66 (NM 333) and go 4.4 miles to Lexco Rd (look for Mountain View Elementary School). Turn right (South) onto Lexco Rd (Lexco is paved) and go 2.4 miles to Martinez. Turn right (West) onto Martinez (Martinez is gravel) and go 2.4 miles to a small sign on the left of the road that read "Torrance County Park." Turn left (South) onto this unnamed road and go 0.3 miles to the fork in the road (don't pick it up, someone left it there on purpose). Stay to the left and look for your fun-luvin', good time-havin' fellow workers.

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Weaving and Spinning Class

To be held on the third Friday of May, May 17th in the evening; at Lady Monika the Fair's resident. Call 323-5569 for information on the class and directions to her resident.

Rio Grande Celtic Festival Demo

Barony of al-Barran

Menaul School

301 Menaul Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM

May 18, 2002 (A.S. XXXVII)

The SCA is doing a Demo at the 15th Annual Rio Grande Celtic Festival being held at Menaul School. Please come and support us. If you are interested in helping me with the demo contact Caroline at 804-3575. There will be heavy fighting, rapier fighting, court dancing, belly dancing and an A&S showing. Lunch will be provided by the Barony.



Writing is easy. All you have to do is sit at a typewriter and open a vein.
—Walter Wellesley "Red" Smith

Outlands Coronation

Barony of Dragonsspine

May 11, AS XXXVII (2002)

Site Opens at 9:00am; Site Closes at 11:00pm

Shove Chapel and Bemis Hall, Colorado College, 14 E. Cache la
Poudre, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Fees: \$5.00 site fee, \$8.00 evening feast fee.

Children under 5 are free

Children under 12: \$2.00 site fee; \$4.00 feast fee.

Seating for the feast is limited.

Please send reservations to ThorvaldR at the address below.

Make checks payable to "SCA - Barony of Dragonsspine"

Site is bone dry.

Their Most Royal Majesties, Maelgwn and Cainnleach, and The Barony of Dragonsspine invites all Outlanders to come and witness the Coronation Ceremony of their Heirs.

The Coronation Ceremony will be held in a beautiful Gothic Chapel on the Campus of our College of Tygre's Keep (Colorado College). The Queen's Champion and Protector of the Queen's Heart Tournaments will be held in the lush and shady grounds right in front of the Chapel but you may feel free to bring your shade pavilions for more atmosphere.

The Coronation Feast will be held across campus at Bemis Hall (the same site as this year's Candlemas along with many previous Dragonsspine/Tygre's Keep events). This wonderfully delicious Feast with an Italian theme is to be prepared by Stewpot, the Outlands Culinary Guild. Please see the menu at the end of the article. Please contact Mistress Tatiana Sokolava for dietary restrictions.

Saturday Schedule

0900 Site Opens
0930 Final Court of Maelgwn & Cainnleach
1130 Coronation Court in Shove Chapel
1300 Donation Lunch
1330 Begin Protector of Queen's Heart Tournament
1500 White Scarf Meeting
1600 First Court of Bela and Elizabeth
1900 Feast at Bemis Hall
2100 Dance
2300 Site Closes
Cleanup
POST REVEL

Sunday Schedule

0900 ONE ALL Peers Circle (Bemis Hall)
0945 Kingdom Officer's Meeting
1030 Queen's Champion Tournament
1300 Thegn of the Iron Hart Meeting
Fighter Practice

Directions to the Feast Hall (Bemis Hall): Take your best route to Exit 143 (Uintah St.) on I-25. Head east on Uintah St. to Cascade Ave. -turn right. You will now be on the Colorado College campus. Half a block down you will see a small road heading off to the right, take that. This will put you on a loop. At the southwest corner of the loop, take another right. This will take you to a second loop. The large German style building on the southern edge of the loop is your destination, Bemis Hall.

Parking is NOT available in front of Bemis Hall (though the space is available for quick drop-off); cars there will be towed! However, there are two parking lots and some on-street parking. The first lot is just across Cascade Avenue (on the east side.) The second is further south on the southeast corner of Cascade and Cache la Poudre.

The Coronation Chapel (Shove Chapel): From the Feast Hall — Directly across campus to the east (across Cascade Ave.) is a large campus quad, and on the east end of the quad is the Chapel. If you need to unload items at the Chapel or armor for the Queen's Tournaments to be held in front of the Chapel, you should take Uintah St one block further east to Nevada Ave. and turn right. On that block, behind the Chapel, we will have a couple curbside spaces set up for loading/unloading.

Autocrat: THL ThorvaldR Thorolfsson (mka Stephen Adams), 1032 Whistler Hollow Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80906, (719) 538-9616, ThorvaldR@Dragonsspine.org

Feast Point of Contact: Mistress Tatiana Sokolova (mka Robin Monogue), 3640 Arborview Court, Colorado Springs, CO 80918, (719) 532-1686, Tatiana@rialto.org



Coronation Feast Menu

On the Table

Bread, olives, cheese, cold sausage

First Course

Chicken with Lemon

Squash with Fennel and Garlic

Rice with Almond Milk

Grilled Meat & Cheese Ravioli

Second Course

Lamb Casserole

Turnips with Cheese

Grilled Mushrooms with Pancetta

Asparagus with Saffron

Third Course

Cheesecake with Honey and Poppyseeds

Other desserts will be provided thanks to the Dessert Competition being organized by Lady Marged. You can reach her via email at costume-mag@costumemag.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
			1 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice <i>Happy New Year! Anno Societatus XXXVII</i>	
5 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dance Practice	6 Gammer Gurton's Needle Period Acting	7	8 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	Heraldry A&S Work
12 Fighter & Rapier Practice	13 Gammer Gurton's Needle Period Acting	14 Blaiddwyn Project night	15 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	
19 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dance Practice	20 Gammer Gurton's Needle Period Acting	21	22 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice <i>Grand Outlandish</i>	Heraldry A&S Work <i>Outla</i>
26 Fighter & Rapier Practice <i>Grand Outlandish</i>	27 Gammer Gurton's Needle Period Acting <i>Grand Outlandish</i>	28 Blaiddwyn Project night	29	

May 1st (May Day) *The word May is a perfumed word. It is an illuminated initial. It means youth, love, song, and all that is beautiful in life.—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, journal entry for 1 May 1861*

May 13th (Mother's Day) *All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.—Abraham Lincoln*

May 16th *Hard is the heart that loved naught in May.—Geoffrey Chaucer, The Romance of The Rose*

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Beltaine

day	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Archery Practice <i>GO Cleanup</i>
9 y Mtg. K.E. & shops	10	11 <i>CORONATION</i>
16	17	18 Archery Practice <i>Celtic Festival Demo</i>
23 y Mtg. K.E. & shops <i>Grand Outlandish</i>	24 <i>Grand Outlandish</i>	25 <i>Grand Outlandish</i>
30		

also known as: Mayday, Walburga, Galan Mai, Shenn da Boaldyn, Bealtinne, Beltine, Beltain, Beal-tine, Beltan, Bel-tien, Beltein, Bealtuinn and Bealtaine.

Customarily celebrated on April 30-May 1. The Land represented by the Goddess is now ripe and fertile and the Young God expresses His Love for Her. This is a time of joyous reveling as the first flowers of Summer are gathered in Their Honor.

The festival of Beltaine marks the beginning of the summer and the light half of the Celtic year. Traditionally all fires were extinguished on the eve of Beltaine, to be relit from the sacred 'needfires' kindled at dawn with the nine sacred woods. The tribes' cattle would be led between the two Bel-fires for purification, to make them healthy, and fertile before being taken to their summer grazing.

Beltaine is a time of fun and games. The time of planting is finished and a time of waiting has begun. The Beltaine Games were a time to test the young warriors against each other in friendly matches, archery contests, feasting, dancing, storytelling, and a chance for people to get together.

<http://www.witchvox.com/holidays/beltaine.html>
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Chocolate information in this issue from:
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Grand Outlandish XXIX

Barony of al-Barran

May 22 – 27, AS XXXVII (2002)

Torrance County Park, Edgewood, NM 87035

Fees: \$20 per adult (over 15), \$10 under 15 years of age,
and a maximum family cap of \$55.

ALL non-members must be sponsored by a SCA member.

The site is wet and the laws of the land do apply
(no alcohol for minors).

The Barony of al-Barran invites one and all to attend Grand Outlandish. The event will be held at the Torrance County Park – the same site as last year. This site is just below 7,000 feet and it has trees with plenty of good camping spots. There is no water on site so everyone is heavily encouraged to bring plenty of water to drink and for cooking.

Plan on having a full weekend! There are tournaments and melees for heavy fighters and rapier all weekend long. The children classes and activities are numerous and cover three days. There will be Arts & Sciences classes and hands-on activities (rumor has it that there will be a fighting kite class and then fly the kites). For those interested in archery, there will be tournaments and competitions over the weekend. Saturday night will be the al-Barran party and all are welcome to participate in the Peasants Fair. Sunday night is for bardic circles and there will be several. Plan on shopping as well. There will be many merchants on site with wonderful things.

Plan on having fun! Check out the Grand Outlandish web site for schedules and rules for the event. <http://www.unm.edu/~kballar/GOT/welcome.html>

Of course, a few cautions need to be said. The high altitude with the expected high heat will sneak up on some people. For those that bring pets or small children, remember that dehydration happens quickly with pets and small children and that they need your attention during the event. The fire restriction will be very high for this event so do not plan on open fires. A signed notarized form for minors attending the event with a guardian instead of their parents must be completed prior to attending the event. Non-members must be sponsored by a member to gain admittance to the site. Check the web site for the policies, rules, and forms for the event.

Grand Outlandish is the biggest event in the Outlands hosted by the best Barony in the Knowne World!! As al-Barranians, we need to step forward and volunteer four hours at Grand Outlandish and make this event special for all of us.

Costs for this event are \$20 per adult (over 15), \$10 under 15 years of age, and a maximum family cap of \$55. ALL non-members must be sponsored by a member. The site is wet and the laws of the land do apply (no alcohol for minors).

Attention merchants! Time is very short! We are again asking for pre-registration for Grand Outlandish. Countess Kathryn of Iveragh is our coordinator for merchants. Additional information, forms, and deadlines can be found at <http://www.unm.edu/~kballar/GOT/merchants.html>.

Directions:

From I-25 and I-40, travel 19.2 east on I-40 to exit 187 at Edgewood. Go south 0.2 miles to junction NM333 (Old 66). Go left on NM 333 (Old 66) and travel east 4.4 miles to Lexco Rd (look for Mountain View Elementary School). Turn right on Lexco Rd and travel south for 2.4 miles to Martinez. Turn right and travel west on Martinez. Go 2.4 miles and look for a small sign on the left with "Torrance County Park". This sign marks an unnamed road. Turn left on this road and travel south for 0.3 miles to the park.

Plan to attend and have fun!

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Grand Outlandish Duo Tournament



On the Quest to bring some entertainment to those attending Grand Outlandish, there has been a call for a tournament. Entrants in this tournament shall consist of teams of two persons - one being a Peer; the other not. Entrants are also requested to fight for the honor of a Lady (or Lord of the fighter is female). The Lady/Lord shall have a favor prepared to honor her/his Champion upon the Field of Combat.

For the pleasure of Their Majesties, entrants should prepare to present themselves before Them with all the dignities required Their station. This presentation could consist of the use of heraldic display and your household herald doing the presentation. This could also be a time for favor to be given.

The specifics of the tournament will be revealed at the time the tourney is to be fought. There will also be many surprise gifts bestowed upon various entrants in the tournament for various and sundry deeds and/or acts.

Tournament fighting should not just be for those upon the field but include all the pomp and ceremony possible. Fighting should include the arts and pageantry the Society is known for. Of late, it has been noticed that these elements are slacking and we wish to boost awareness of these along with the fighting arts of our fierce warriors.

Hosted by Darius Jaxarticus and Kathryn of Iveragh



Outlandish Party



Once again it is I, Bronwen, requesting your attention for some really fun news about this year's Outlandish Party.

Theme- Peasants Faire

When- Saturday Night (at Outlandish)

Think of a Medieval Carnival- Tons of good food, great games, and lots of revelry to be had by all! The coins that are going to be used to play the different games will go on sale Saturday afternoon by our beautiful tavern wenches, 4 for a \$1 (game costs 1 - 4 coins). So bring your mug and join us Saturday night (shortly after evening court) down at Town Hall.

Safe Travels

Bronwen Blackwell



Special Olympics Demo

Barony of al-Barran

UNM Soccer Field

Albuquerque, NM

June 1, 2002 (A.S. XXXVII)

Site opens at 10 am and closes at 3 pm

Good Gentles of al-Barran:

The barony of al-Barran will be holding its annual Special Olympics demo on Saturday, June 1, 2002. It will begin at 10 AM, and will end around 3 PM. The demo will be held at the UNM Soccer field. The Albuquerque Special Olympics will provide lunch, and admission is free.

Our "Fight-a-Knight" demo is extremely popular with the Special Olympians. Last year we had over 150 bouts. Heavy weapons fighters, bring your armour. We're looking for at least 8 to 10 fighters to participate. Additionally, we will also need heralds and marshals, people to list the children fighting and write their names on scrolls, and people to help with set up. Please wear nice garb; there will be a lot of observers and we should impress our audience with a medieval atmosphere.

The promoters of the Albuquerque Special Olympics always look forward to our demo, and the Olympians are always happy to see us. When you participate in this demo, you'll feel great to bring joy to the mentally and physically challenged children at the Special Olympics.

To find the site, go south from the intersection of University Blvd and Central Avenue until you get to Avenida Cesar Chavez. Turn left at the stoplight and go past the UNM Football Stadium to the end of the block. At the end of the

block, you'll find a parking lot. The UNM Soccer field is just south of this parking lot. We will be on the south side of the grassy field. If you find a track field with stadium seats, you have found the wrong place. The soccer field is actually south of the track field.

Please show up at least 30 minutes early for set up. For further information, please call me at 505-839-7302 or e-mail me at abqbobcat@aol.com.

In service,

Cristóbal Vasquez de Narriahondo



Relay for Life Demo

Barony of al-Barran
Albuquerque Academy
Albuquerque, NM

June 7-8, 2002 (A.S. XXXVII)

Site opens June 7 at 3pm; site closes June 8 at noon

On June 7th at 3pm the site opens for Relay for Life at Albuquerque Academy. At 6pm the Cancer Survivor's walk will blow you away. At 6:15 the al-Barran team will take the track to knock the competition out of the water in the costume contest, as well as the theme campsite. We do ask that sandbags are used instead of stakes to weight down the tents. We keep to the track or we have a Fight a Knight/Fight a Don as long as we are participating in the event. There will be food and drink provided as well as many activities that have yet been published. The site closes at noon on the 8th after an awards ceremony.

I am presently recruiting people from our populace to join our team. We will be raising money in various ways please contact me if you: have time to help or have items to donate to fundraisers (i.e.. helms, gauntlets, vambraces, gloves, scarves, dance belts, garb, feast gear, rattan, épées, shields, basket hilts, nibs, washes, trim, anything) or WANT TO JOIN THE TEAM and can participate in a Fight -a- Knight\Fight -a- Don. I need your help for this to be a success. Please give generously of your time & energy.

We have so much fun at Relay that you forget that you are helping the fight against cancer.

Please reach me at (505) 203-3055 or (505) 924-3760work,
or email at dwagner@mercury.bernco.gov
or 2800 Lexington PL NE #125 Albuquerque, NM 87112

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Midsummer's Nights Dream II Quest For The Golden Scorpion



Barony of al-Barran

June 14-16, AS XXXVII (2002)

"Experimental Site" Tijeras, NM

Site opens June 14th @ 12pm; closes June 16th @ 6pm

Site fee \$10 (7 years old and up); 6 and under free

Site is EXTREMELY WET

A weekend of fighting, feasting, revelry, and MURDER!! Yes we said murder. The richest gentle in al-Barran is found dead and everyone is a suspect. Come and help us answer the ever popular question of "who done it"

Along with solving the crime there will be equestrian, archery, light, and heavy tourneys. Saturday night all will be invited down to the Town Square for a wonderful feast and much revelry.

Autocrat: Bronwen Blackwell, PO Box 2885 Edgewood NM 87015, 281-6440

Directions: Take your best way to Albuquerque, NM. From Albuquerque, take I-40 east to the Tijeras/Cedar Crest exit, #175. Take the Tijeras side of the exit (right side) and head south. Continue south through the stoplight (Hwy 14 S) for 1.3 miles. Turn left onto Chamisso Canyon Road. Follow road approximately 1 mile directly to the site.

Potluck Desserts needed for Feast

Please bring a pot luck dessert, either period or non-period is welcome for a feast on Saturday the 16th of June at Quest for the Golden Scorpion. If you have any questions, please contact Lady Divina Stargazer at 242-6735 or by email at crimsonladydivina@yahoo.com

A Chocolate Timeline...



600—The cocoa bean is considered the ultimate status symbol in the Mayan and Aztec Cultures. They use the bean as currency and those wealthy enough to have an excess of beans use them to make a chocolate drink that give them "wisdom and power."

1000—The use of cocoa beans as units of calculations was probably well established by 1000 ad. One Zontl equalled 400 cocoa beans, while 8000 cocoa beans equalled one Xiquipilli. In pictures are baskets with 8000 beans representing the figure 8000.

1502—Columbus is the first European to discover cocoa beans and chocolate.

1513—But it is the Conquistadors that realize the value of "money that grows on trees." Hernando de Oviedo y Valdez writes homed to tell of how he was able to purchase a slave for 100 cocoa beans.

1519—Hernando Cortez builds a cocoa plantation for the express purpose of

growing money in the name of Spain.

1528—Cortez returns to Spain with cocoa beans and the tools needed to make chocolate. Not that he is particularly fond of the concoction. In fact, he is said to personally have found the drink distasteful, probably because the Aztec method of preparation called for flavoring the drink with spices, including lots of chili. Spanish cooks quickly remedy that by changing the recipe, replacing the peppers with sugar.

1585—First official shipment of Cocoa beans from Veracruz to Seville. From Spain chocolate soon made its way to the rest of Europe.

1609—"Libro en el cual se trata del chocolate" is the title of a book which appeared in Mexico. It is the first book devoted entirely to the subject of chocolate.

1615—The Spanish princess Anna of Austria marries Louis XIII and introduces, amongst other Spanish customs, the drinking of chocolate at the French Court.

Chocolate Covered Strawberries



1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

1/2 cup milk chocolate chips (*you can substitute all semi-sweet or all milk chocolate according to your own tastes*)

1 tbsp. shortening (*do not use butter, margarine, or oil*)

2 pints fresh strawberries, rinsed and patted dry

Cover tray with wax paper. Place chocolate chips and shortening in a medium microwave safe bowl. Microwave at high for 1 minute. Stir. If necessary, microwave an additional 30 seconds or until chips are melted and mixture becomes smooth when stirred vigorously. DO NOT over heat. Holding the strawberry by the top, dip the bottom two-thirds of each strawberry into melted mixture. Shake gently to remove excess chocolate. Place on prepared tray.

Cover and refrigerate approximately 1 hour, or until coating is firm. For best results, eat within 24 hours.

<http://www.romancestuck.com/>

A wise woman who was traveling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveler who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food. The hungry traveler saw the precious stone and asked the woman to give it to him. She did so without hesitation. The traveler left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime. But a few days later he came back to return the stone to the wise woman. "I've been thinking," he said, "I know how valuable the stone is, but I give it back in the hope that you can give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone."—Anonymous

Sworded Affaire Thank You

Greetings and Merry Met,

If you missed Sworded Affaire you missed the social event of the season.

I would like to take this time to thank all the good gentles that helped Don Govanen and myself to make this a most wonderful day. First Lady Helga of Clan Tynker and her kitchen crew for a fabulous lunch, Lord Coinneach MacPherson for the tournaments and melees, Lord Charles Roberts for the tournament prizes. Baroness Emma for stepping in last minute to run the lists, Lady Barbara for the court dancing, Lord Rudgar, Brienna, Emerys, and all those who showed up early to help set up. Haven for making site tokens, Lady A'isha for stepping into run gate when I needed to be on duty.

Thank you to all who attended and made it a great day of rapier fighting and a special thank you to Their Excellencies allowing us to have a day to ourselves.

In Service to the Dream,

Bronwen Blackwell

A Saga Tale

This story is the creation of Master Sigmund Traeskeg, inspire by the sagas of old. Sigmund was a one-time al-Barranian during his travels through our world, touching many with his sprit and talents. Always an Outlander at heart, he is missed greatly.



It came to pass several springs ago that Master Gunwaldt and I, along with our crew, went a-viking in far-off lands. Our crew is a good one made up of seasoned warriors whose names are well known. Sir Heinrich, Lord Zot, Aelfgar, Zelf, Zatar, and Thorad. Also came ten Swedes from Upssala. Fair weather favored us and winds filled our sail and so after several months we headed for home with much booty and ale. We were close to Ostergotland when attacked by other longships. Fierce was the fighting and many we slew before being overcome. Wounded and tired we fell amidst the slain. We made ready to die and so composed our final stories. As we chanted our death poems, an ax man strode down the log striking off heads.

Spoke up one Swede before he died, "Ravenfeeder kisses me, Odin's Hall I see. No more shall I drink mortal's mead."

More Swedes died until it was Gunwaldt's turn next to die. "I should ask a boon."

"What is it?" spoke the ax man.

Pony World

By Lord Michael McQuillan



Uncle Scarbellius packing for Grand Outlandish...

"I greatly value my fine hair. Could not someone hold it up so it does not get bloodied in my death stroke?"

Said the ax man, "That is fair. It shall be so," and the captain of our foes himself grasped the thick long hair in both hands. Down came the ax, but Gunwaldt so moved his head that instead of losing it, the captain lost both his hands.

So clever did our foes deem this trick that they gave us our freedom and declared us friends. Hereupon we broached many kegs of ale and rejoiced greatly.



On the door to Success it says Push and Pull. —Yiddish Proverb

Gammer Gurton's Needle

In May, Gammer Gurton's Needle will meet at Duchess Elisheva's house, which is across from the Jeanne Bellamah park (fighter practice park) at 11400 Rosemount Ave NE. Call her at 237-2157 for more specific directions. She will be leading us in making small needle cases embroidered (or cross stitched) in the colors of the various kingdoms. This is a project to help the King and Queen who will be needing gifts for several large events this reign. We will also do some in Baronial colors for the largess box and continue making napkin sets with black work motifs.

Future month's activities include: June we will be meeting at Mistress Mirhaxa's house and learning basket making. This should be a fun summer outdoor activity. After that, we will be planning a class in metal thread embroidery. Several of us took the 2-day class at the Costume Collegium and we are very eager to share our excitement about it. Any other classes or projects you would like to do later in the summer or fall, please let anyone in GGN know of your interest.

Gammer Gurton's Needle is an interest group exploring many different hand-work techniques including but not limited to embroidery, lacis, netting, bobbin or needle lace, beading, needlepoint, inkle loom, card weaving, etc. Please join us. We meet every Monday evening at 7 pm. (we don't meet in garb). You can work on the month's emphasis or bring your own project. If you can't make the meetings, we have copies of all instructions and patterns and can make arrangements for individual meetings with teachers. Contact Rosamond at ladyyrosamond@earthlink.net or 865-9082 for more information.



Court Dancing Article

Court Dance practices will be held on Sundays, May 5 and 19 at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah Park) 12:30-2:30 PM. Everyone, age 7 and up is welcome. There will also be court dancing at Sworded Affaire on April 20th also being held at fighter practice park.

Yours in service,

Lady Barbara



Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, preserves, cooking and much more. Meetings will take place on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW; call Lady Skia at 344-0094 for directions.

Regular Activities

Fighter Practice

Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, Jeanne Bellamah Park., on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Lord James David 832-5393*

Rapier Practice

Sundays, Jeanne Bellamah Park, on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Coinneach 343-8362*

Archery Practice

1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Lady Sylvia's home. *Contact: Lord Steitan 832-4186*

Citizens Meeting

3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m. Remember new site; MAP on page 8! *Contact: Lord Stjerne 861-2907*

Heraldic Submission and Commenting Meeting

The 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 6:30 p.m., at Earl Cathyn and Lady Alia's home, 207 Dartmouth SE, Albuquerque. *Contact: THL Pendar 866-4369*



Court Dance Practice

Sundays, 12:30 to 2:30 PM, May 5 & 19 at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah Park). Court dance practice is open to everyone age 7 and up. *Contact: Lady Barbara 293-7453, or by email at: kreg@aps.edu*

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice

Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Fighter Practice with the start of daylight savings on April 7th will be moving back to the front side(east) of Carlisle Gym at UNM. Gear may be dropped off in the front but parking is at the meters, visitors lots or across Central Ave. Valid UNM permit parkers may use lot West of CG. *Contact: Lord Ryan 265-3142*

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. *Contact: Lady Rosamond 865-9082*

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Period Acting

Meetings held Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Gatewood Apartments Community Room, 6300 Montgomery Blvd. *Contact: Lyonette 881-1758*

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